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Claims 1-31 were pending in the present application. Claims 15, 16, 23, 24, 30, and 31 have been canceled without prejudice to their presentation in another application as being drawn to non-elected inventions. Claims 10 and 12-14 have also been canceled herein without prejudice to their presentation in another application. Claims 1-3, 9, 11, and 17-22 have been amended, support for which can be found throughout the specification. No new matter has been added. Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 1-9, 11, 17-22, and 25-29 will be pending.

The claims have been amended herein to correct typographical errors and to place them in better format for allowance. No change in claim scope is intended.

The Examiner has mistakenly restricted claims 1-31 into four groups. Group I contains claims 1-14, 17-22, and 25-29 drawn to methods of identifying one or more oligonucleotide sequence motifs. Group II contains claims 15 and 16 drawn to oligonucleotide sequence motifs. Group III contains claims 23, 30, and 31 drawn to antisense oligonucleotides. Group IV contains claim 24 drawn to target nucleic acid sequences. **Applicants elect Group I, containing claims 1-14, 17-22, and 25-29 with traverse.**

Even if the Examiner still considers the groups of claims to be patentably distinct, §803 of the M.P.E.P. mandates two criteria for a proper requirement for restriction: 1) the inventions must be independent or distinct; and 2) there must be a serious burden on the examiner. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the burden placed upon the examiner. Accordingly, *all pending claims* should be examined in the present application without restriction.

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Applicants submit that the present response is complete and complies with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §121.

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